DISPATCH

CLASSIFICATION

PROCESSING ACTION

MARKED FOR INDEXING

Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

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Chief of Station, Santiago

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SUBJECT

Effectiveness

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES ...

Talking with an officer, offered the following views:

- Violence has been a disaster for Allende. Puente Alto incidents extremely costly; MIR's activities also hurting UP candidacy. Campaign of terror is effective and is scaring people. That is why PCCh is taking it on directly. Can see effects among independent radical clientele which moves back and forth between Allende and Alessandri - now moving towards Alessandri.
- On 5 July, Alessandri was questioned on Television by representatives of Tomic and Allende respectively about the "campana del terror." Emphatically denying responsibility, Alessandri slyly quoted Jaime Castillo, PDC Vice President, as having referred to it as a "campaign of truth." He further remarked on the coincidence of Tomic and Allende excoriating the campaign in virtually identical terms which could suggest their being simply "two plungers of the same syringe" (a more vulgar expression was vetoed by Alessandri's advisors).

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